(c) Since there is no delay in the handling of these imports, the question of cost overrun does not arise.

(d) and (e) No instance of delay or non cooperation in the clearance of these machines has been brought to the notice of the Commissioner of Customs.

Binding effects of Schemes approved by BIFR

3550. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme sanctioned by BIFR as per Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 is binding on all parties concerned;

(b) if so, the course of action provided in the Act to be taken against the non-implementing party;

(c) the course of action for an aggrieved party which wants a review of the sanctioned scheme; and

(d) in case such a review does not result in any change in the sanctioned scheme, whether the escalation in the revival cost caused thereby would be compensated by the Banks/FIs and the promoter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Section 33 of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA) provides for penalty for violation of the provisions of SICA, including any scheme sanctioned thereunder.

(c) Under the provisions of Section 18(5) of SICA, the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) may, on the recommendations of the Operating Agency (OA) on any proposal for modification of a sanctioned scheme which the affected party may make, review any sanctioned scheme and make such modifications as it may deem fit or may by order in writing direct the OA to prepare fresh scheme providing for such measures as the OA may consider necessary, besides, any party aggrieved by an order of the BIFR may prefer an appeal to the Appellate Authority for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (AAIFR) under section 25 of SICA.

(d) BIFR has reported that the progress of implementation of revival schemes is periodically monitored and suitable directions are issued to all the concerned parties by it to ensure the speedy and successful implementation of revival schemes. It is not binding on banks/financial institutions to fund any additional cost of revival as sanctioned schemes generally incorporate a commitment on the part of the promoters to meet any unforseen expenses not specifically provided for.

Mess of the Scheme 'Monsoon Magic Offer' by Air India

3551. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that before launching the 'Monsoon Magic offer' of Air India the concerned department had not done any proper homework and study and therefore the scheme became a mess;

(b) whether it is a fact that the 31st, July deadline had to be extended to 30th September because the scheme had not picked up upto that date;

(c) what is the reason for not having published the offer in April and May, 1996 before the scheme started in June, 1996; and

(d) what action will be taken on the persons who are responsible for making a mess of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The scheme was finalised after detailed discussions in house as well as with the Travel Trade. The scheme has been extended upto 30th September, 1996 be-

cause of positive response from passengers and Travel Trade.

(c) The scheme was conceptualised in June, 1996 and launched in the same month.

(d) Does not arise.

Irregularity in Medical Supplies

3552. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr it is a fact that Rs. 50 lakh is given every year for the purchase of medical supplies for inmates, but last year it was four crore worth of medicines purchased;

(b) whether it is a fact that a scam of four crore in the purchase of medical supplies has been detected in Tihar Jill;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The total value of medical supplies made to Tihar Jail by Medical Store Organisation during the last two years is as under:

Year	Value (in Rupees)
1994-95	3,47,13,685.00
1995-96	2,05,98,454.00

(b) to (d) The Tihar Jail authorities had constituted a Committee to inquire into the management and supply of medicines in Central Jail, Tihar. It has been reported that the Committee's report has been forwarded recently to the Government of NCT of Delhi for further necessary action.

पंजाब में स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर की शाखायें खोलना

3553. **श्री गोविन्द राम मिरी:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पंजाब में अभी तक स्टेट बैंक इन्दौर की शाखायें न खोले जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) निकट भविष्य में इस राज्य में स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर की कितनी शाखयें खोले जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) क्या पंजाब के शहरों में पिछले वर्षों के दौरान इस बैंक की शाखायें खोलने की मंजूरी भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने दी थी। यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

वित्त मंत्री तथा कंपनी कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) से (ग) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आर बी आई) की मौजूदा शाखा लाइसेंसिंग नीति के अंतर्गत, यह वाणिज्यक बैंकों पर छोड़ दिया गया है कि वे महानगरीय, शहरी और अर्द्ध-शहरी केन्द्रों में शाखाएं खोलने का निर्णय उनकी तत्संबंधी आवश्यकताओं का मूल्यांकन करने और भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक से अनुमोदन प्राप्त होने पश्चात स्वयं लें। बैंकों द्वारा पता लगाई गई ग्रामीण शाखाएं खोलने के उन प्रस्तावों पर भी भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा गुणावगुण के आधार पर विचार किया जाता है, जिनकी सिफारिश राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों ने की है। भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि उन्होंने पंजाब में खाखा खोलने के लिए 1.1.1995 से 31.7.1996 तक की अवधि के दौरान स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर को कोई प्राधिकार पत्र जारी नहीं किया है।

Examining of Recommendations of Chelliah Committee

3554. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr all the recommendations of the Chelliah Committee have been examined by Government particularly regarding reforms in the country's tariffs;

(b) if so, by when Tariff Commission will be set up to recommend appropriate tariff for different products and different industries taking into account the legitimate interests of the domestic industry; and

(c) whether the new Tariff Commission will take into account the recommendations of the Chelliah Committee and dettails of decisions taken/progress made in this regard to date?